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PRODUCTIVITY WORKING GROUP MEETING (06.04)

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MOISEEV FROM HARGIS WITH  
COPY TO METALNIKOV.

1. IN REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER OF 9 NOVEMBER, US SIDE  
WISHES TO PROCEED AS PLANNED WITH WORKING GROUP MEETING TO  
BE HELD IN MOSCOW DURING THIRD WEEK OF JANUARY 1977. SINCE  
THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IN WASHINGTON NOW SCHEDULED  
FOR LATE FEBRUARY (SEE REFTEL) IT IS REASONABLE FOR WORK-  
ING GROUP TO MEET IN JANUARY IN MOSCOW. IN ADDITION, US  
MEMBER ARE LOCKED INTO ANOTHER COMMITMENT AND DATES WOULD  
BE MOST DIFFICULT TO CHANGE.

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2. AS AGREED IN MAY 1976, US MEMBERS ARE PLANNING POST-

MEETING VISITS WITH SOVIET COLLEAGUES TO EXPLORE LEVELS OF INTEREST IN ACTIVITY AREAS V2-1, V2-4, AND V3. MEMBERS WOULD LIKE, BUT DO NOT REQUIRE, VISITS TO SOVIET LABORATORIES. MARTINEAU WILL BRING WITH HIM IN DECEMBER SUGGESTED AGENDA, DRAFT PROTOCOL AND VISIT PROGRAM. END HARGIS MESSAGE.

3. FYI. NOVEMBER 9 LETTER REFERRED TO ABOVE WAS SENT BY MOISEEV THROUGH INTERNATIONAL MAIL. IN LETTER MOISEEV SUGGESTED HOLDING BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTIVITY WORKING GROUP MEETING IN WASHINGTON EITHER JUST BEFORE OR JUST AFTER WORLD OCEANS JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. BECAUSE OF QUESTION OF RECIPROCITY AND INTEREST OF US PARTICIPANTS VISITING SOVIET SITES, NOAA PREFERS THAT MEETING TAKE PLACE IN USSR AS PLANNED. KISSINGER

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